

**MICHIGAN STATE POLICE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION CENTER**

REPORT ON THE FREQUENCY AND REASONS FOR PISTOL PURCHASE DENIALS

The Michigan Department of State Police (MSP) is required under P. A. 269 of 2000, Section 1301 to produce a written report that will include a statistical sampling of several hundred Fiscal Year 01 applications for pistol purchases in the state from a variety of jurisdictions, including those from both rural and urban areas of the state. The data collected shall include the number of background checks performed, the number of persons failing background checks according to various state and federal regulations, and the specific reason for each of the pistol purchases denied.

MSP surveyed eight agencies from urban and rural areas of this state for the period of July 1, 2001 through July 31, 2001. This represents 966 applications for a license to purchase a pistol. A background check was performed for each of these applications. Of the 966 applications, 57 (5.9%) were rejected for the reasons stated below.

Denial Reason	State or Federal Regulation	# Denied
Felony conviction	MCL §28.422(3)(e)	15
Not a legal resident of this state or the jurisdiction of the law enforcement agency	MCL §28.422(3) & (3)(c)	10
Probable cause	MCL §28.422(3)	10
Subject to protection order or mental health order	MCL §28.422(3)(a) & 18 U.S.C § 922(g)(8)	8
Not a citizen or legal alien in the United States	MCL §28.422(3)(c)	3
Convicted of a crime punishable by over 1 year	18 U.S.C § 922(g)(1)	3
Felony charge pending	MCL §28.422(3)(d)	2
Unable to correctly answer 70% of the basic pistol safety questions	MCL §28.422(3)(i)	2
Unlawful user of controlled substance	18 U.S.C § 922(g)(3)	2
Been adjudged insane	MCL §28.422(3)(f)	1
Dishonorably discharged from the armed forces	18 U.S.C § 922(g)(6)	1